

The Church of the Nativity, New Castle, Delaware



The barn in 1951 — before Nativity was born!



The Church of the Nativity today.

The Church of the Nativity began as a barn, home to milking cows and other farm animals. The barn was converted in 1952 with the design of its sanctuary inspired by the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. From stable to sanctuary, the transformation recalls the ancient story of Mary and Joseph, the holy family finding a birthing place, a manger for a crib. Such is the story of the birth of Jesus, God came into the world fully human, fully divine.